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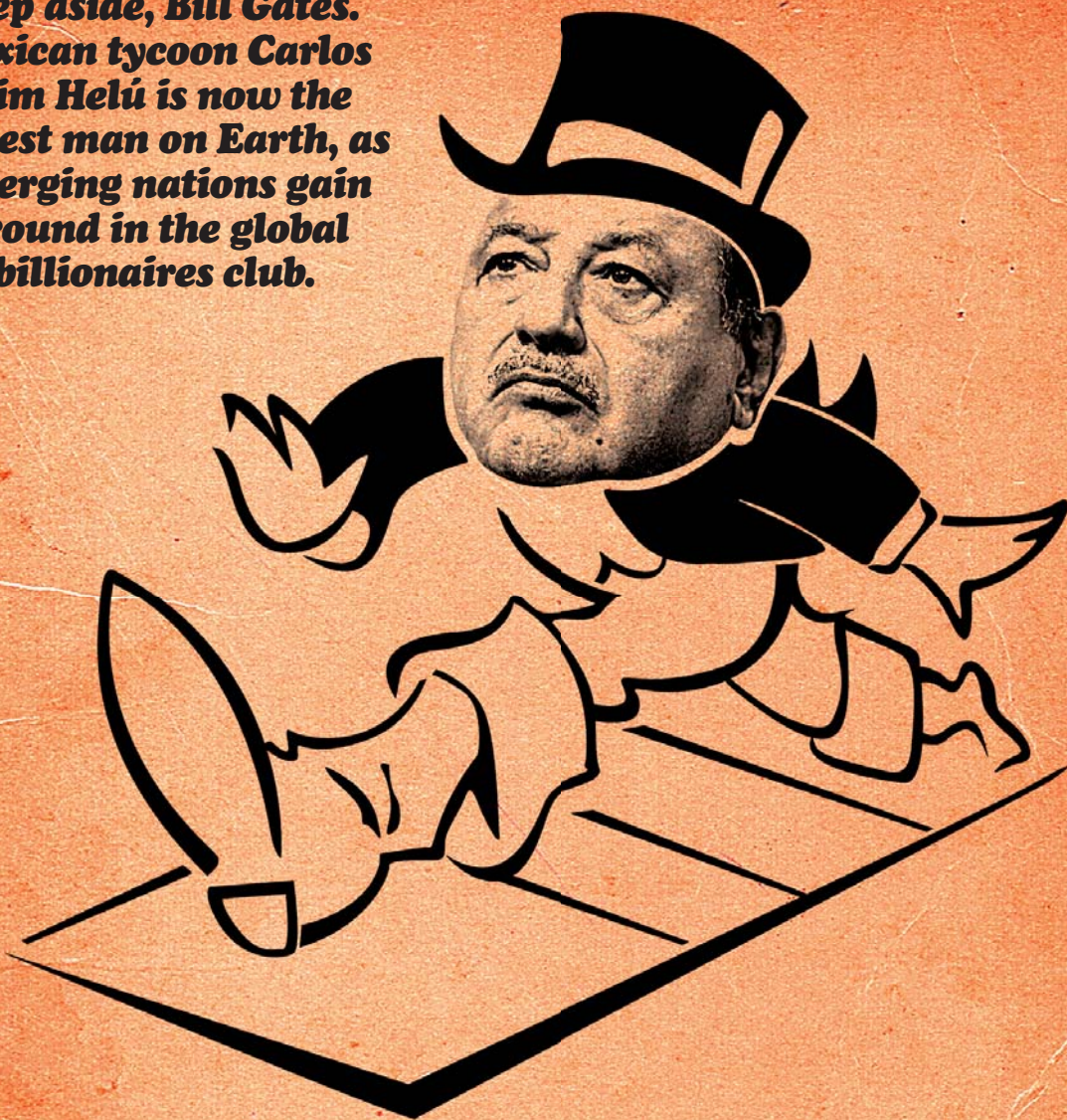
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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is offering to help Colorado Springs by paying to put trash cans back in parks — if the cans carry an anti-meat slogan and a picture of a woman in a lettuce bikini. The city stopped picking up trash in parks to save money, and all the trash cans have been removed. Mayor Lionel Rivera says he'll consider the offer if it PETA also pays to have the trash picked up and hauled to the dump. (AP)

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Print Makes Final Attempt At Relevance



A Belgian daily has printed Europe’s first 3-D newspaper, the BBC reported. The French-language La Dernière Heure’s photos and ads were in 3-D, but not the text. Each paper came with cardboard glasses. “We hear about 3-D cinema, television and video games, so we took up the challenge,” editor Hubert Leclercq told Agence France-Presse. Because of the high cost, there are no plans to do another 3-D issue. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

A FRISKY COMPETITOR peeks through a display of leashes on Thursday, the first day of the annual Crufts dog show in Birmingham, England. Nearly 28,000 dogs and their owners will vie for a variety of accolades at this year’s four-day show — the ultimate prize being “Best in Show.” (EXPRESS)



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## House GOP Forgoes All Earmarks

### Washington

Upping the ante in the battle over which party can be toughest on special interests, House Republicans Thursday announced their entire

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The total value of the earmarks the House GOP included in 2010 bills, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense.

178-member conference would not seek any congressional earmarks this year, denouncing all of the line-item expenditures as wasteful and corrupting. Calling the earmark process “a symbol of a broken Washington,” House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the Republican gambit was a key step in demonstrating fiscal restraint, even if the move doesn't lead to an actual reduction in federal spending.

Republicans took the step a day after House Democrats imposed a ban on earmarks — which are inserted into bills that fund the federal government — that benefit private for-profit companies. Democrats have left open the ability to secure earmarks for nonprofits and municipalities in their districts.

PAUL KANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Vanished Wealth Slowly Returns

America's net worth rises, but gains still trail recession losses

### Washington

Americans are recovering their shrunken wealth — gradually.

Household net worth rose last quarter, mainly because the healing economy boosted stock portfolios.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that net worth rose 1.3 percent in the fourth quarter to \$54.2 trillion. It marked the third-straight quarter of gains. But economists say consumers would need a stronger and more prolonged increase in their wealth to persuade them to ratchet up spending.

Net worth had risen by a more robust 4.5 percent in the second quarter of 2009 and an even faster 5.5 percent in the third quarter. Net worth is the value of assets such as homes, checking accounts and investments minus debts such as mortgages and credit card bills.

Even with the gain, Americans' net worth would have to rise



Shoppers jam Michigan Avenue in Chicago in 2009. U.S. households' wealth increased at the end of the year as stocks rose.

an additional 21 percent just to get back to its pre-recession peak of \$65.9 trillion. That illustrates Americans' vast loss of wealth from the worst downturn since the 1930s.

Growth in stock portfolios delivered the biggest lift to net worth in the October-to-December period. The value of stocks rose by nearly 4 percent to \$7.7 trillion. Higher home prices helped a bit. The

value of real-estate holdings edged up 0.2 percent.

During the recession, which began in December 2007, household net worth had plunged as low as \$48.5 trillion in the first quarter of 2009. Stock holdings and home values nose-dived. As their net worth evaporated, Americans felt less inclined to spend.

For all of last year, consumer spending dropped 0.6 percent.

This year, as wealth, the economy and financial conditions slowly recover, consumer spending is projected to grow around a modest 2.2 percent, according to the National Association for Business Economics.

By contrast, in 1983, when the economy was recovering from the 1981-82 recession, consumer spending surged 5.7 percent. DAVE CARPENTER AND JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)



### CAR SAFETY

**Despite all the distractions** faced by modern drivers, the Transportation Department says its projections show traffic deaths declined nearly 9 percent in 2009, to 33,963 fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration credits the decline to more people wearing seat belts, programs to discourage drunken driving and improved safety features in cars. The newest numbers fit into a trend of steady decreases since 2005. (AP)

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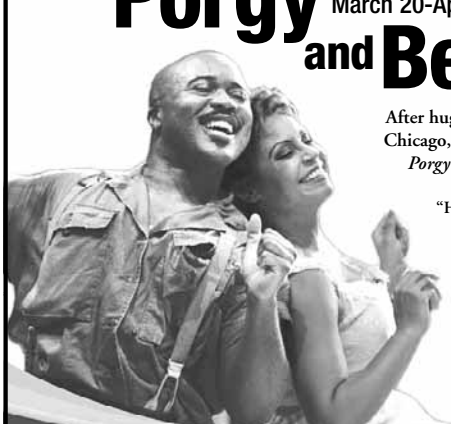
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Nation

Bilingual Officers Vital

Police chiefs step up effort to hire officers with language skills

New York

Police departments across the country are stepping up efforts to recruit officers who can speak more than one language, in some cases offering raises or even sending officers abroad as part of immersion programs.

Police chiefs hope the investment pays off by improving service to immigrant communities and easing fear of officers in those areas.

"To fight crime you have to be able to communicate," said Susan Shah of the Vera Institute of Justice in New York.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has emphasized hiring bilingual officers — especially those fluent in languages spoken in countries with terrorist ties.

"It helps immensely working with the communities in the city, the most diverse city in the world,"



NYPD Muslim liaison Detective Ahmed Nasser, center, deals with a N.Y.C. bus rider.

Kelly said. "We can, in very short order, get someone on the scene who speaks the language."

In Chicago, the nation's second-largest police force with roughly 13,000 officers, about 3,835 officers speak additional languages, most commonly Spanish, Polish and German. The department is also in its first year of requiring officers to take a 24-hour Spanish course during their academy training.

The Los Angeles Police Depart-

ment gives raises to as many as 3,305 officers who become fluent in another language — one-third of the department. And in Dallas, where 358 members speak Spanish and another 20 or so speak Asian languages, officers can earn an extra \$150 per month after they become certified that they are fluent in another language.

Recent census data show more than 20 percent of Americans speak a language other than English.

COLLEEN LONG (AP)

7-Year-Old Boy Who Called 911 Thanks Dispatcher

Norwalk, Calif.

A 7-year-old boy who called 911 from a locked bathroom while armed robbers threatened his parents hugged and high-fived on Wednesday the sheriff's dispatcher who took his call.

The boy, identified only as Carlos, said he remained calm during the ordeal because his mother used to make him practice dialing 911.

Wiping away a tears, dispatcher Monique Patino called the boy



Carlos, 7, hugs 911 dispatcher Monique Patino on Thursday in Norwalk, Calif.

"my little hero."

The assailants held the boy's parents at gunpoint Tuesday while he hid in a bathroom with his 6-year-old sister. Carlos told Patino that there was "some guy who's going to kill my mom and dad" and begged authorities to "bring cops. A lot of them! ... And bring soldiers, too."

The assailants left the home without stealing anything when Carlos told them he'd called 911, police said. THOMAS WATKINS (AP)



**CONSERVATION**

**The Obama administration** on Thursday declared 48 Hawaiian species endangered and announced plans to set aside more than 40 square miles on Kauai as critical habitat to allow the plants and animals to flourish. Two Honeycreeper birds, a fly, and 45 ferns, trees and shrubs found only on the island of Kauai were among the species named Wednesday, boosting the number of such classifications by the Obama administration from two to 50. (AP)



# Strike Sparks Turmoil in Greece

Violent clashes erupt as tens of thousands protest austerity acts

Athens, Greece

Clashes between riot police and rock-throwing, masked youths broke out during a demonstration Thursday in central Athens by tens of thousands of striking workers protesting austerity measures that the Greek government has said it has no choice but to implement.

The debt-ridden country is under intense pressure from both markets and the European Union to reduce its deficit from 12.7 percent of economic output in 2009 to 8.7 percent this year. Last week, Greece introduced a harsh \$6.5 billion austerity package that cut civil servants' wages, froze pensions and raised consumer taxes.

The new cutbacks, added to a previous \$15.24 billion austerity plan, sparked a wave of strikes and protests from labor unions whose reaction to the initial measures had been muted. Thursday's 24-hour general strike, the second in a week, grounded airline flights, halted public transport,



Masked protesters set fire to a car in Athens during a protest against the Greek government's austerity measures on Thursday.

suspended news broadcasts and left public hospitals working with emergency staff.

Demonstrators took to the streets of Athens and Thessaloniki, banging drums and chanting slogans such as, "Real jobs, higher pay." They were joined by uniformed police, coast guard and fire service officers.

"The fight must be constant until the stability pact — these unpopular measures passed by the government — is overturned," said demonstrator Olga Raptou.

An unofficial police estimate put the Athens crowd at about 20,000; organizers said the actual number was much higher.

Clashes broke out soon after

the march began, with riot police firing tear gas and stun grenades to disperse masked youths who smashed pavement, marble steps and building facades to use as projectiles to throw at police.

Police said 13 policemen were injured and 16 people were detained, nine of whom were arrested. ELENA BECATOROS (AP)

## Fierce Fighting Kills 43 in Two Days in Somalia

Mogadishu, Somalia

Heavy fighting between Somali insurgents and pro-government troops has killed at least 43 people over two days, as African Union peacekeepers used tanks to help the beleaguered government beat back an insurgent attack, officials said Thursday.

Militants attacking from the north on Wednesday came within a mile of the presidential place in the heart of the capital, Mogadishu, before African Union peacekeepers in tanks reinforced government troops, residents said.

Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance service, said he saw 40 bodies lying in the streets over the two days of fighting Wednesday and Thursday.

"The fighting was heavier than that of yesterday," said Muse. "Our ambulance crews use dangerous streets, and they have to dodge mortars and bullets. Sometimes it takes us hours to reach injured civilians, and because of that they bleed to death." (AP)

### Hearsay



**"Quite frankly, folks, sometimes only a friend can deliver the hardest truth."**

— JOE BIDEN, VICE PRESIDENT, AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY THURSDAY, ON THE U.S.' CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI PLANS TO BUILD JEWISH HOMES ON DISPUTED LAND.

# Partial Results Show Tight Contest in Iraq

No bloc likely to win clear majority in vote; fraud claims surface

Baghdad

The first results from Iraq's parliamentary election showed the prime minister and his secular rival locked in an extremely tight contest Thursday amid fraud allegations by rival parties and a chaotic, unpredictable vote count.

The tallies came from only five of Iraq's 18 provinces. However, Iraqi officials who have seen results from across the country said Prime



An Iraqi electoral official counts ballots from Sunday's election in Baghdad.

Minister Nouri al-Maliki's coalition appeared to have a narrow edge, though not an outright majority.

The partial results were the first in an election that will determine who governs the country as U.S. troops go home — and whether Iraqis can put behind them deep sectarian tensions that once brought their nation to the brink of civil war.

The initial tallies from Sunday's vote suggested a tight race between coalitions led by al-Maliki and former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite who sharply criticized the prime minister for failing to boost reconciliation efforts between Iraq's factions.

The emerging picture was a setback to hard-line religious Shiite political leaders who saw al-Maliki make gains in two southern provinces deep on their turf.

Results did not include Baghdad, which accounts for 70 of the parliament's 325 seats.

Thursday's announcement set off a wave of fraud accusations, largely from Allawi's Iraqiya coalition, which cited dozens of violations. It said these included soldiers' not being allowed to vote, interference in the electoral commission's work and some polling stations' failing to post results. BEN HUBBARD AND QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA (AP)



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## World



Sebastian Pinera waves during his inauguration in Valparaíso, Chile, Thursday.

## Aftershocks Rock Chile As Pinera Is Sworn In

**Santiago, Chile**

A series of strong aftershocks from last month's devastating quake rocked Chile on Thursday as a new president was sworn into office and immediately urged coastal residents to move to higher ground in case of a tsunami.

The strongest aftershock, with a magnitude of 6.9, was nearly as strong as the quake that devastated Haiti's capital on Jan. 12. There were no immediate reports of damages or injuries.

The Chilean Navy issued a tsunami warning while the U.S. Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the aftershocks were too small to cause dangerous waves beyond Chile's central coast.

President Sebastian Pinera was inaugurated at a congressional building in Valparaíso before the building was evacuated as a precaution. The seven aftershocks strongly swayed buildings and sent frightened Chileans into the street.

The magnitude-6.9 aftershock was the strongest since the magnitude-8.8 quake on Feb. 27. It occurred along the same fault line, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. **MICHAEL WARREN (AP)**



# Wealth of Many Nations

The world's richest people can increasingly be found in all corners of the world

## Mexico City

Mexican telecom tycoon Carlos Slim is the first man from a developing nation to become the world's richest person — a shift that underlines the loosening of America and Europe's stranglehold on the top spots in the billionaires club.

Slim's arrival at the top aroused both pride and anger in Mexico, where many see his fantastic wealth in a poverty-afflicted nation as a sign of what ails it.

With a recovery in the value of his cell phone holdings pushing his estimated fortune to \$53.5 billion, Slim jumped past Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and investor Warren Buffett when Forbes magazine released its 2010 list of the world's wealthiest people Wednesday.

One factor in Slim's move to the top spot is that Gates and Buffett have given away chunks of their fortunes in charitable donations.

The rise of Slim, the 70-year-old son of an immigrant shopkeeper, is just a part of the emergence of billionaires in developing countries, Forbes reporter Keren Blankfeld said. She noted this year's top-10 richest also include two billionaires from India and one from Brazil.

"They're kind of spread. It's a nice spread," Blankfeld said of the list, which had long been dominated by Americans and Europeans.

The full list showed Taiwan tripling its number of billionaires to 18, Turkey more than doubling to 28, and Brazil increasing by 50 percent to 18. Russia also rebounded, almost doubling its number of billionaires to 62.

Still, it is hardly time to mark the passing of U.S. dominance: The number of U.S. billionaires rose by more than 40 to 403. That is more than six times second-place China's 64 billionaires.

## 50M

The number of Mexico's 107 million people who live in poverty. Mexico is a developing nation but is also considered one of the world's most important market economies.

That the single-richest man on the list should come from Mexico has drawn frequent criticism given the country's ongoing battles against poverty.

"This is shameful," said Ernesto Villanueva, 45, of Mexico City. "This is part of what is wrong with the Mexican political system and the corruption in the circles of power that allow there to be a few rich people and millions of poor."

While Mexico belongs to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, whose 30 members constitute the world's most important market economies, it is also a developing nation. More than 50 million of Mexico's 107 million people live in poverty.

But some Mexicans give Slim credit for knowing how to take advantage of the situation and make money.

"He was intelligent enough to get to where he is, while we, as a people, have never known how to unite ourselves," said 17-year-old student Manuel Santibanez.

Whatever their attitude toward

Slim, Mexicans have learned to live under the tycoon's long shadow. Slim's conglomerate of retail, telecom, manufacturing and construction companies so dominate the Mexican commercial landscape it is often easy for Mexicans to find themselves talking over a Slim-operated cell phone at a Slim-owned shopping center waiting to pay a bill to a Slim-owned company at a Slim-owned bank.

MARK STEVENSON (AP)



## Cash Flow

### MOST BILLIONAIRES

Fifty-six countries have at least one billionaire, but none has as many as the U.S., which has more than six times as many as China.

	COUNTRY	TOTAL	WORTH
1	U.S.	403	\$1,349B
2	China	64	\$133.2B
3	Russia	62	\$265B
4	Germany	53	\$218B
5	India	49	\$221B
6	Turkey	28	\$42.8B
7	Canada	24	\$74.4B
8	Japan	22	\$68.6B
9	Brazil	18	\$90.9B
10	Spain	13	\$50.4B



## India's Economy Makes Its Mark

With the release of the latest Forbes list of billionaires, India is finding much to brag about — even as other fast-growing economies like China make their mark.

Eight Indians made Forbes magazine's latest list of the top 100 billionaires, and two — energy tycoon Mukesh Ambani, above, and steel mogul Lakshmi Mittal — sit in the top five. Although China has more billionaires than India, Indian billionaires are richer.

The rise in billionaires reflects a growing and more prosperous India, though the country, which is home to one-sixth of the world's population, still struggles with widespread poverty and inequality. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

## World's Richest People

1. Carlos Slim Helu & family, Mexico: \$53.5 billion
2. William Gates III, U.S.: \$53 billion
3. Warren Buffett, U.S.: \$47 billion
4. Mukesh Ambani, India: \$29 billion
5. Lakshmi Mittal, India: \$28.7 billion
6. Lawrence Ellison, U.S.: \$28 billion
7. Bernard Arnault, France: \$27.5 billion
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## In Brief

## WASHINGTON

## Inmate Escapes During Hospital Transport Trip



Moore

An inmate at the Correctional Treatment Facility in D.C. escaped Thursday morning while being transported to United Medical Center for

medical treatment.

Authorities said they were taking Terrence Moore to the hospital at 8:50 a.m. Moore had been in full restraints while en route to the hospital, but he was not in restraints when he escaped. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

## Data: Md. Ranks First In GPS Use Nationwide

Information collected by one of the largest navigation services providers says Maryland ranks first in the nation for GPS navigation use. The state uses the technology twice as much as the national average. TeleNav says the District ranked second, and Virginia ranked seventh. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## The Lotteries

## Thursday, March 11

## District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-3-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	8-7-5
Mid-day DC 4	0-0-6-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-4-3-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-5-9-4-8
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-4-2-5-5
Daily 6 (Wed.)	11-26-27-32-33-36 (3)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	9-14-22-25-39 (6)

## Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	8-9-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-7-2
Mid-day Pick 4	5-8-8-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-3-6-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-12-15-17-20 (23)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	7-16-17-29-35-43

## Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-0-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-4-3
Mid-day Pick 4	9-8-1-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-6-5-4
Mid-day Cash 5	3-9-20-21-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-20-25-28-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-21-23-28-30-33 (7)

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## Ward 6 Parents Push for Schools

## Capitol Hill residents want better middle schools for children

## Washington

Capitol Hill parents, who have played a key role in the revival of elementary schools in Ward 6, are asking Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee for a major expansion of middle school choices in the area so that their children can continue in D.C. public schools.

Elementary schools on the

Hill, which have seen a dramatic influx of young families in the past few years, feed into three middle schools: Stuart-Hobson, Eliot-Hine and Jefferson. Two of the three, Eliot-Hine and Jefferson, have reading and math proficiency rates at or below 50 percent. While Stuart-Hobson has been more successful, parents say the 1927-vintage building is in poor condition and needs major renovations.

"We want to expand choices for parents," said Suzanne Wells, a parent at Tyler Elementary and leader of the Capitol Hill Pub-

lic School Parent Organization, a coalition of PTA members from schools in the area.

At the urging of D.C. Council member Tommy Wells, D-Ward-6, the group has developed a three-tiered proposal. A key component is Eliot-Hine's growth into a middle school modeled after Deal Middle School, with an enrollment of 850 (it currently has about 300) and an expansion of aca-



Wells

demic offerings to include an International Baccalaureate program and Spanish-immersion classes for students coming from a similar program at Tyler.

The parents' initiative comes at a time of major change in the face of education in Ward 6. A \$76 million reconstruction and academic relaunch of Eastern High School is under way. Wells and other District officials see a reimagined Eastern as the linchpin of a plan to attract and retain more middle- and upper-middle-class families. BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Imam Johari Abdul-Malik, left, delivers the invocation at the Capitol in Richmond, Va.

## Muslim Cleric Says Va. House Opening Prayer

## Richmond, Va.

A House of Delegates prayer by a cleric from a Falls Church mosque where two Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers worshipped passed without incident.

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik's invocation Thursday sought strength "to go beyond tolerance to understanding." He said where there's hate, "let us show love. Where there is fear, let us find faith."

A handful of protesters showed up outside the Capitol. "It's inappropriate," James Lafferty, chairman of the Virginia Anti-Shariah Task

Force, said of the imam's appearance. "The politicians need to stand up and say something."

Abdul-Malik has publicly denounced terrorism and denies that the Dar al-Hijra mosque fomented radicalism. He was not the mosque's imam when Sept. 11 hijackers worshipped there.

About a dozen delegates were not in the House chamber at the time of prayer.

"It's certainly people's right to participate or not to participate," said Delegate Adam Ebbin, D-Alexandria, who invited the imam.

(AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Md. Revamps Driver's Ed Program

## Frederick, Md.

Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration says an overhaul of its driver's education program is nearly complete.

Administrator John Kuo said Thursday that the agency implemented tougher standards for the state's more-than 200 driving schools last summer, includ-

ing criminal background checks for instructors.

In October, the MVA adopted a new curriculum endorsed by the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. Instructional videos from the 1970s have been updated. Kuo says a written test with a focus on defensive and courteous driving will also be introduced. (AP)

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Derek Jeter and the world champion Yankees face the Nationals on Friday.

- Friday**
- NOON** Duke plays Virginia in the ACC tournament quarterfinals, followed by Virginia Tech against Miami. My20
- 1 P.M.** The Nats play the New York Yankees in a spring training game. MASN
- 4:45 P.M.** Lafayette battles Lehigh for the Patriot League crown and a spot in the Big Dance. ESPN2
- 7 P.M.** Maryland begins play in the ACC tournament. My20
- 7 P.M.** Madison Square Garden hosts the Final Four of the Big East tournament. ESPN
- 7 P.M.** The Caps take on the Tampa Bay Lightning. CSN
- 8 P.M.** The lowly Wizards visit the Detroit Pistons. CSN+

- Saturday**
- 1:30 P.M.** Will Maryland be playing in the ACC semifinals? My20
- 7 P.M.** The Wizards play for a third-straight day when hosting Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic. CSN
- 9 P.M.** Will there be another six-over-time classic in the Big East tournament final? ESPN
- Sunday**
- 12:30 P.M.** The Caps visit the Chicago Blackhawks in a nationally televised game. NBC
- 1 P.M.** The ACC tournament wraps up with its title game. My20
- 6 P.M.** The NCAA Tournament field will be unveiled. CBS

Will the Real Hoyas Please Stand Up?

  
**PROJECTED SEED**  
**4**  
**Record:** 22-9  
**Big wins:** Butler, Duke, Villanova  
**Bad losses:** S. Florida, Rutgers

Few teams have been as confounding as the Hoyas this season. With the ability to make top-10 teams such as Villanova, Duke and Butler look average, it was almost shocking to watch Georgetown stumble down the stretch and lose four of its final six regular-season games.

The good news for the Hoyas is Austin Freeman, right, who was diagnosed with diabetes last week, appears to be largely unaffected on the court by the illness. He joins guards Chris Wright and Jason Clark, and center Greg Monroe to form as formidable a foursome as there is in this year's NCAA tournament. Depth will likely stand in the way of an appearance in the Final Four, but a spot in the Sweet 16 or Elite 8 seems entirely possible.

Thursday's victory over Syracuse in the Big East tournament suggests the Hoyas have put their midseason woes behind them. MARK GIANNOTTO



Planting Their NCAA Seeds

Just waiting for your team's name to be called can be a frightful experience on Selection Sunday. For three area schools, though, there should be no fear of a snub. But there is still the matter of where Georgetown, Maryland and Virginia Tech will fall in the bracket. We offer our best guess on which seeds they'll get this Sunday. (EXPRESS)

Terps Save Their Best for Last

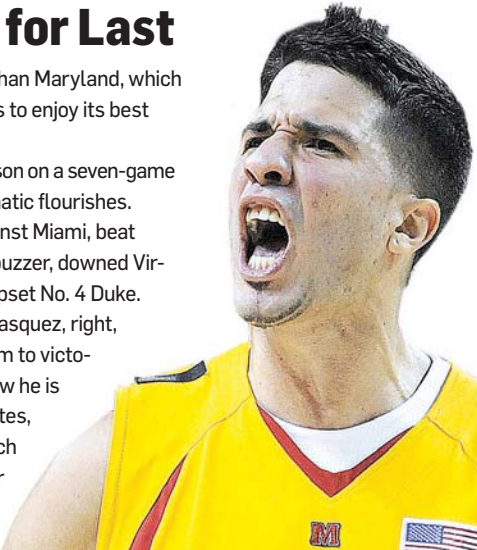
  
**PROJECTED SEED**  
**5**  
**Record:** 23-7  
**Big wins:** Duke, Florida State  
**Bad losses:** William & Mary, Cincinnati

No team is hotter at the right time than Maryland, which surpassed pre-season expectations to enjoy its best season since 2002.

The Terps ended the regular season on a seven-game winning streak, punctuated by dramatic flourishes. They came back from 15 down against Miami, beat Georgia Tech on a 3-pointer at the buzzer, downed Virginia Tech in double overtime and upset No. 4 Duke.

ACC Player of the Year Greivis Vasquez, right, has shown an ability to spur his team to victory in the second half. "No matter how he is playing going into the last five minutes, he is willing to put it out there," coach

Gary Williams said. Vasquez is Maryland's best player since Juan Dixon, and the tournament is his last chance to increase his legacy. DEREK TURNER



Hokies Hope Their Victories Add Up

  
**PROJECTED SEED**  
**11**  
**Record:** 23-7  
**Big wins:** Wake Forest, Clemson  
**Bad losses:** Temple, North Carolina

Virginia Tech is likely to be a victim of its own schedule.

Prior to the ACC season, the Hokies' toughest opponents were Penn State, the last-place team in the Big Ten; and Seton Hall, a middle-of-the-pack Big East squad. And while Tech also had Atlantic-10 champion Temple on its schedule, all the team can do is hope that counts as a high-quality loss.

But the Hokies built a solid resume with 10 ACC victories, good for third in the conference. And coach Seth Greenberg, above, says that should be enough of a resume to impress the selection committee. "Everyone talks about the schedule," Greenberg said. "We played the schedule we were given. It's really hard to win in the league. And 10 wins? I don't care what schedule you're given; it's extremely difficult." DEREK TURNER



# Hoyas Surge Past the Orange

Georgetown moves into Big East semis with upset victory

## Hoyas Hoops

Chris Wright scored 27 points and No. 22 Georgetown sailed past No. 3 Syracuse with an impressive second-half surge, beating the top-seeded Orange 91-84 in the Big East tournament quarterfinals Thursday.

Though still a strong candidate for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament, Syracuse (28-4) sustained a potentially costly loss when starting center Arinze Onuaku injured his right knee with 5:07 remaining.

Onuaku landed awkwardly after trying to block Greg Monroe's shot down low. Whistled for a foul on the play, Onuaku grabbed his knee



Georgetown guard Chris Wright drives to the basket in the Hoyas' win on Thursday.

immediately and was tended to by medical staff and coach Jim Boeheim before being helped off the floor. The senior did not return, and Boeheim said Onuaku had strained his right knee.

Austin Freeman added 18 points in his third game since being diagnosed with diabetes. Jason Clark had 17 for the No. 8 seed Hoyas (22-9), who will play Marquette in the first semifinal Friday night. Monroe had 15 points, 10 rebounds and a team-high seven assists, skillfully dominating in the paint against Syracuse's big and rugged front line.

Playing before a lively crowd, Georgetown rebounded from two losses to Syracuse earlier this season and took a 7-6 edge in Big East tournament games between the longtime rivals, the most common matchup in the 31-year history of the event. (AP)

## Swengali

### Bigger Isn't Better For NCAA Tourney

**At this time** next year, there is going to be no suspense in college basketball.

Sure, there will be games — some even exciting — as conference tournaments lead up to Selection Sunday.

And then, just about anyone you heard of will be called as the newly



By Matt Swenson

expanded NCAA tournament field is announced. Word on the street is 96 is going to be the new 64, which in 2001 became 65 with the addition of that awful play-in game.

(Yes, I'm still bitter about that one.)

The reason for the change is the same as for most adjustments these days: money.

The NCAA wants to sell CBS on a bigger contract by making its annual

**Word on the street is that 96 is going to be the new 64, which in 2001 became 65.**

showcase event bigger. More games plus more advertisements means more revenue.

The coaches love it because it will be a lot easier to make the field, and that will, theoretically, increase job security. The problem is that making the NCAA tournament would be about as big an accomplishment as reaching a bowl game. As in, it won't be a big deal at all.

Sorry to the Northwesterns of the world that have shown they're not worthy to dance in the current format.

Adding a bunch of below-average teams from major conferences isn't going to make the tournament any better. It's just going to make it longer.

Sometimes there can be too much of a good thing. We're about to reach that point.



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# No. 19 Terrapins Head Into Enemy Territory

## Terps Hoops

If Maryland players and fans celebrate a little too much after victories over Duke or North Carolina, it's not for nothing.

Much of the lore of the ACC was born on Tobacco Road, and never is it more apparent than during the conference tournament. In the last 13 years, only once has a team other than Duke or North Carolina won the event. And it took Maryland's overtime upset of Duke in 2004 to break that trend.

"Those Duke and Carolina teams, there's no slouches there," Terps coach Gary Williams said. "They were all really good basketball teams, so if they're the best teams, that's the way it works out. I think in any league, it's up to the other teams to go after those teams and ... see if you can do something about it."

After sharing a piece of the regular-season ACC title with No. 4 Duke, No. 19 Maryland (23-7, 13-3 ACC) enters the tournament



Maryland guard Greivis Vasquez, left, and coach Gary Williams begin their final ACC tournament run together on Friday night.

## Cavaliers Advance

Sammy Zeglinski scored 16 of his season-high 21 points in the first half to help Virginia beat Boston College 68-62 on Thursday in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. The Cavaliers will play Duke at noon on Friday. (AP)

as the No. 2 seed, riding a seven-game winning streak. The Terrapins will face the winner of Thursday's game between Georgia Tech and North Carolina on Friday.

If they are to win the tournament, they'll likely have to beat Duke in Sunday's final. This game would be played in the Greensboro Coliseum, one of the traditional

sites of the ACC tournament, which just happens to be less than an hour from the Duke campus.

"It's tough playing [in North Carolina] for a lot of the schools," Williams said. "You get into the semifinals and finals, and they can be tough atmospheres, almost like a road game for some of the other schools." **DEREK TURNER**



**In Brief**

**OBITUARY**  
**Merlin Olsen Dies at 69**

Merlin Olsen, a Hall of Fame defensive lineman and member of the Los Angeles Rams' "Fearsome Foursome" who followed up football with a successful television career on "Little House on the Prairie," NFL broadcasts and commercials, has died. He was 69. Utah State, Olsen's alma mater, said he died outside Los Angeles early Thursday after battling cancer. He was diagnosed last year with mesothelioma, a cancer of the lung lining. (AP)

**REDSKINS**  
**Redskins Add TE Ryan**

Free-agent tight end Sean Ryan has signed with the Washington Redskins. Ryan caught 14 passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns for the Kansas City Chiefs last season. He has 26 catches for 240 yards and those two TDs in six NFL seasons with six teams. (AP)

**BASEBALL**  
**Reyes Out Up to 8 Weeks**

All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes has been told to rest and refrain from athletic activity for two to eight weeks until his thyroid levels normalize, another blow to the New York Mets before opening day. (AP)

**Capitals Face Off**

With just 16 games left until the postseason, Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau must soon choose who will sit between the pipes in the team's quest for the Stanley Cup. As the coach alternates between veteran Jose Theodore and rookie Semyon Varlamov, we offer him some help deciding. **MARK GIANNOTTO**



**JOSE THEODORE**

**Size:** 5-foot-11, 185 pounds  
**Age:** 33 years old; 14th year pro  
**Birthplace:** Laval, Quebec, Canada  
**Catches:** Right hand  
**Best Career Moment:** Theodore won the Hart and Vezina Trophies in 2001-02 as the NHL's MVP and top goaltender.

**HIS POSITIVES**

**Some of Theodore's best performances** in years have coincided with the Capitals' recent surge to the top of the NHL. In his last 15 appearances, Theodore is 13-0-2 with a .927 save percentage.  
**Theodore has logged more** than 2,800 minutes in the course of seven years of playoff appearances. During that time, he's never lost a first-round series. Plus, he's playing for a new contract this year.

**HIS NEGATIVES**

**Consistency has always been an issue** with a small goalie like Theodore, who even during this recent hot streak has given up three or more goals seven times. Hence the nickname he can't shake: Jose "Three or More."  
**History is not on Theodore's side.** Though he's never lost a first-round playoff series, he's also never advanced past the second round. Last year Boudreau named him the postseason starter only to go back on the decision after one poor performance, choosing to ride Varlamov the rest of the way.

**BOUDREAU'S THOUGHTS**

**"He's playing really good, but we want to get Varly games, too. Theo's been playing as good as any goaltender in the league."**



**SEMYON VARLAMOV**

**Size:** 6-foot-2, 209 pounds  
**Age:** 21 years old; second year pro  
**Birthplace:** Samara, Russia  
**Catches:** Left hand  
**Best Career Moment:** Varlamov's fantastic stick save on Sidney Crosby during Game 1 of last year's Eastern Conference semifinals.

**HIS POSITIVES**

**Before he missed three months** with knee and groin injuries this year, Varlamov was a leading candidate for rookie-of-the-year honors, posting a 12-1-2 record with a 1.12 GAA and a save percentage of .924.  
**Varlamov replaced Theodore** after one game of the 2009 Stanley Cup playoffs and helped the Capitals come back from a 3-1 deficit to defeat the Rangers in seven games.

**HIS NEGATIVES**

**Since returning from his injuries,** Varlamov has not looked like the same goalie. In three starts, he has allowed 13 goals and hasn't finished with a save percentage higher than .885 yet.  
**Varlamov's weak glove hand** and tendency to give up goals in bunches were exposed in last year's second-round series against the Penguins. Combined with this year's injuries, the question remains: Does Varlamov have the mental and physical durability to make it through four rounds of the playoffs?

**BOUDREAU'S THOUGHTS**

**"At the start of the season, he was the same way. Then he got into that zone. ... The more he plays, the sharper he'll get."**

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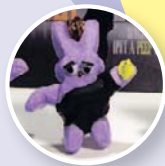


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## Antonio Ballatore

INTERIOR DESIGNER, HGTV STAR, FLEA MARKET FAN

**On last season's** "Design Star," brash, tat-plastered Antonio Ballatore balanced his tough persona with sensitive decor touches (pink duck art, vintage armoires-turned-fireplaces). He was voted the winner of the HGTV competition hit, scoring his own show, "The Antonio Treatment," which premieres on the network Sunday at 10 p.m. On it, he brandishes his trademark grit and glam, redoing spaces from his own L.A. pad to "Saved by the Bell" star Mario Lopez's home gym.

**Tell me more about your tattoos. What do they say about you?**

They all have to do with people in my life, places I know and things that happened.

**Describe your design style.**

I'm trying to do something new and

different, to use materials people you wouldn't usually use in decorating — graffiti artists, metalworkers, glassblowers. I'm coloring outside the lines.

**What does all that experimenting mean in these people's homes?**

In one episode, I did a kitchen where I painted the cabinets with car paint sprayed with pink pin-stripes. And I did a hotel suite in another show that had half a pink rhino coming out of the wall. It's about pushing the boundaries.

**In your own place, your punk-rock attitude toward decorating resulted in a spray-painted headboard shaped like a cowgirl.**

Yeah, and then I changed it. You should never consider your house finished.

**You're against boring design. How can people fight their own bland decor?**

There are so many ways! A lot of it has to do with color. Just go for it! Or head to a flea market, buy an interesting object, paint it a bold color, and turn it into a lamp. You can make a lamp out of anything.

**"Head to a flea market, buy an interesting object, paint it a bold color, and turn it into a lamp."**

**Any flea marketing tips?**

Bring someone to help you carry stuff! And then just dive into it. And don't hesitate to look other places besides the flea market. When I lived in Brooklyn, I'd dive into piles of garbage on the side of the road and find things.

**You love to decorate with art. Any tips on displaying it?**

Put something up, sleep on it, and then see how you feel about it the next morning. Art really has to be in the right spot.

**Any design mistakes you see people make over and over?**

With projects, sometimes people bite off more than they can chew. With renovations, you have to carefully plan them out. If you never did, say, tiling before, do some research. And if you're scared, call a professional, at least to help you for a little bit.

**Are there any home trends that need to go away?**

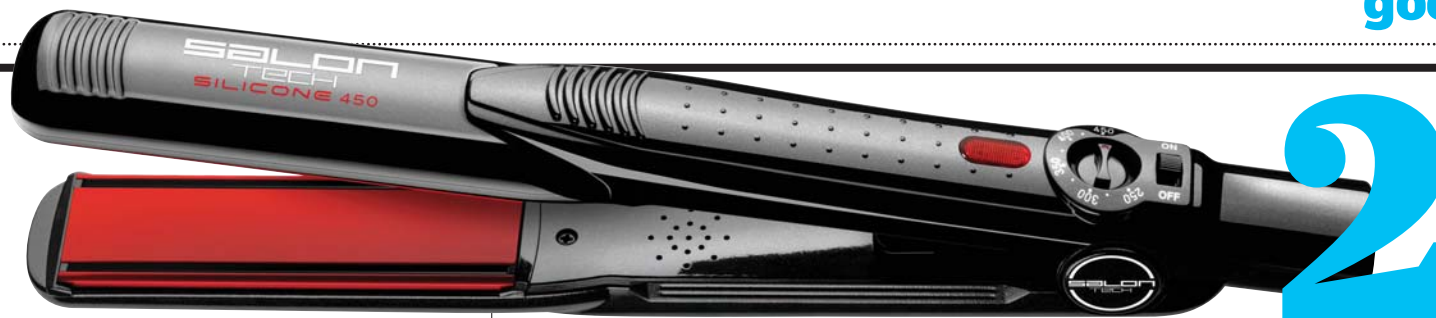
If there is any one design trend that has to go, it's shabby chic. It's a nightmare.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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## Prep's Cool

**FASHION IS IN THE MIDST** of a throw-back revival, with old-school brands (Barbour, Cole Haan, Sperry) back in style, thanks to sleek spins on Muffy and Biff classics. The latest brand to join the pack: L.L. Bean, which debuts its Signature collection in stores and online Saturday (Tysons Corner Center, 703-288-4466; LLbean.com). Men's and women's pieces (such as a striped Breton sailor sweater, \$59, and heavy canvas duffel, \$54, above) still invoke the line's preppy-meets-outdoorsy roots, but with slim-cut silhouettes and graphic patterns.



**GEORGETOWN'S SHOPS** run the retail gamut — big-brand behemoths to small boutiques, sports gear to slinky dresses — making it difficult to debut something truly novel. But M29, the new gift shop-meets-fash boutique from the Four Seasons (2828 M St. NW; 202-295-2829), offers a fresh mix of mod merch in its sunny, industrial space, from studded rings by Sheila Fajl to prettily packaged candles and soaps by Lucia (shown, \$2-\$25).



## Wake Up, Waffles!

**MUGS OF JOE** and pancakes go together like peanut butter and you-know-what. Java & Co.'s coffee-infused syrups capture that same lazy-morning-at-a-diner mood via small-batch flavors such as java nut (shown, \$16, Javaandco.com), French toast and French vanilla. While the smooth sauces do taste like the glorious bean, they don't pack too much of a caffeine buzz, meaning they're also nice drizzled over ice cream or brownies. The back-to-basics original variety (aka plain coffee) even works as a marinade for salmon.

## Present Matters

## Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

After a sketchy dating history with boorish young men, I've become infatuated with a slam poet, who has invited me to one of his performances. I'm wearing a vintage floral wrap dress. Which shoes do you suggest? — MADISON

**Manolo says,** ayyy! To be young and in love with the modern slam poet! What could be more dreamily romantic than to be heels over the head for the man who shouts profane couplets into microphones?

And perhaps, after the suitable period of time, our young friend will even become his permanent muse!



"Honey Bunch," he asks one morning at the breakfast table, pencil in hand, "what rhymes with 'Dick Cheney's Gestapo boot'?"

"I'm not sure, Snuggums," she answers from behind The Post, "what are you working on?"

"I'm writing you a new love poem," he says, helping himself to another rasher of bacon.

"Ooooooh, you're darling," she coos, folding the morning paper over. "How about, 'Martha Stewart Bosco fruit'?"

"Capital!" he answers, applying his pencil to his Big Chief tablet.

"Yikes! Honey," she says looking at the wall clock, "You'd better hurry, or you'll be late for the office!"

"Oh, shoot," he answers, standing up, putting on his coat and adjusting his tie. "I'd better take the minivan."

And to think this romantic scene began when she wore these sandals (\$275, Zappos.com), the Flora from 7 for All Mankind, to the poetry slam.



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**Grab Bag**

## O Beautiful

**WHETHER YOU LOVED** Michelle Obama's inaugural gown or thought it better suited a bride, there's no denying the ethereal creation by designer Jason Wu ranks among recent history's most memorable outfits. This week, the delicately draped, beaded dress was enshrined in the revamped first ladies exhibit at the National Museum of American History (14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000), where finery from 10 other recent first spouses also invites up-close ogling — or critiquing.



# The Clean Season

Spring cleaning seems like a cause championed by June Cleaver throwbacks and the makers of Borax. Yet many modern folks refuse to chuck the concept in the dust bin, even though the original reasons for warm-weather scouring frenzies — the grime left behind by coal-burning stoves and kerosene lamps — died around the time Queen Victoria did.



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## WINDOWS

➡ “Once you start opening the windows, you realize how dirty they are,” says Beth Thomas, 34, a deputy project director from Silver Spring who puts window washing at the top of her to-do list. “I just want to get cleaning them out of the way.” Sparkling windows let the sunshine in, but sun doesn’t make for clean panes — it can speed up drying and lead to streaks. Wash ‘em on a cloudy day or when the sun is not direct. Pros say it’s critical to sweep out or vacuum the sills first. When washing the glass, Donna Smallin, author of “Cleaning Plain and Simple” (\$13, Storey), recommends horizontal strokes for the inside and vertical ones for outside (or vice versa), to keep track of which side any marks are on. If your windows don’t tilt in for exterior cleaning, leave the ladder climbing to the pros. Locally, Dr. Glass Window Washing (Windowcleaningnow.com) gets positive nods, charging from \$6 per window. Or opt for a cleaning kit that attaches to a garden hose — just don’t expect A-plus results.

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BETH THOMAS, SILVER SPRING HOMEOWNER

➡ “We see an uptick in requests for deep cleaning during the spring — especially after such a harsh winter,” says Mia Gallin, owner of Arlington’s the Green Mop (Thegreenmop.com). Type A’s who prefer to do their own dirty work find advice at House-keepingchannel.com, which reports its heaviest traffic in March, April and May. “I love the idea of a cleaning that is beyond everyday dusting,” says Laura Heinle, 44, a mom of two in Silver Spring. “There are so many parts of the house that you can ignore.” With mildewed grout, dusty fan blades and crumbly cabinets all vying for attention, some wonder whether it’s worth starting something they can’t finish. “I like the idea of spring cleaning,” echoes Laura Nelms, 36, an environmental consultant on Cap-

itol Hill. “But ... I know I’d be doing it by myself. And cleaning, in general, is not something I like to spend a lot of time on.” Experts seem to unanimously agree that baby steps are best when it comes to tackling your own dust heap. Too bad most checklists seem so all-encompassing. “Really, I’m going to flush out the water heater every spring?” scoffs Erin Rooney Doland, the Reston-based author of “Unclutter Your Life in One Week” (\$15, Simon & Schuster) and editor of the popular blog Unclutterer.com. Instead of taking an A-to-Z approach (arrange stacks of magazines, zap shower mold), chip away at the following chores to make the maximum visual impact. Because who notices the sediment in the water heater, anyway? **ALEXA YABLONSKI**

## WALLS

➡ “With kids, it’s amazing how grubby the walls get,” says Rachel Cononi, 39, an economist who lives on Capitol Hill. After washing them down, she marvels, “It’s as if they’ve just been painted, only it smells better!” Experts agree that most walls don’t need to be scrubbed top to bottom. Instead, spot-clean smudges on your semi-gloss or gloss walls and moldings (flat paints are notoriously difficult). An all-purpose cleaner should work, or try Mr. Clean Magic Eraser (supermarkets and Drug-store.com), a fave of Donna Smallin, author of several cleaning books. “I’ve read how it works but still don’t get it. It is magic.” Whatever you use, test it in an inconspicuous place before cleaning full-throttle.



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## DECLUTTER

➡ “It’s the No. 1 thing people can do to improve the conditions in their home,” says Allen Rathey, founder of Housekeepingchannel.com. “The more you remove, the less work you have to do, the easier cleaning is.” If the idea of weeding through every messy zone seems daunting, Unclutterer.com’s Erin Rooney Doland says to start with the foyer and bedroom closet. “It’s fantastic to clear out those places. It immediately changes your mood when you get dressed in the morning or enter or exit the house,” she says.



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## FLOORS

➡ If you have hardwood floors, simply clean off the detritus of Snowmageddon with water and a little vinegar, says the Green Mop’s Mia Gallin. (Dry mop afterwards.) She warns against the perennially popular Murphy Oil Soap: “It cleans well, but that little bit of oily shine attracts dust and dirt more quickly.”

For wall-to-wall carpet, steam cleaning is the method of choice to flush out dirt and dust mites. For about \$50 per room, Stanley Steemer will do the job, or DIY with a rental steam vac (about \$25 for 24 hours at select Giant and Safeway stores). Be sure to vacuum first, then push the steamer slowly, using overlapping strokes. Open the windows or run the AC to dry the carpet faster. If you’re prone to spills or have kids or pets, it could be worth buying your own machine. “It won’t take long to recoup your investment,” says author Donna Smallin. Silver Spring’s Laura Heinle agrees. She swears by her Dirt Devil steamer: “Best 99 bucks we ever spent!”



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## GET WET TO CLEAN GREEN

If you want to clean in an eco-friendly way, just add water. Just water. No vinegar or baking soda necessary. Two technologies that tap the tap, have recently made their way into the residential market after years of use in commercial cleaning. Electrolyzed water (aka “activated water”) has been touted as a miracle liquid — strong enough to kill salmonella but pure enough to drink. Meant to replace all-purpose cleaners, this mixture of water and salt is zapped with an electric current, charging the ions to bond with and lift away dirt. In 2009, Active Ion introduced the Ionator HOM, a handheld sprayer for home use (\$169, Activeion.com).

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**The Reelist**



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**Wedded Miss**

**“Our Family Wedding”** is a “comedy” about two families — one African-American, the other Mexican — whose children wish to get married, but the parents don’t like one another. “Romeo and Juliet” it’s not, because “Romeo and Juliet” is funnier.

I often hear complaints that critics don’t like anything. This is not true. Here is a list of things I like better than “Our Family Wedding”:

“All About Steve.”

“New in Town.”

“Showgirls.” “Cruel Intentions” (I actually like “Cruel Intentions” a lot.)

Black licorice. “From Justin to Kelly.”

“Crossroads.” My sister’s entire home-movie oeuvre, which includes such standouts as “SuperNorm,” starring the family basset hound, and “Jamie Makes Faces.” Overcooked broccoli. “Pushing Tin.” That YouTube video where the cat rides the Roomba. “Transformers.” The episode of HBO’s “Lifestories: Families in Crisis” that starred Ben Affleck as a guy on steroids. Oh, and the one where Calista Flockhart was bulimic and stored her puke in jars in a closet. People who don’t clear the snow off their car’s roof. “Glitter.” “Leap Year.”

A friend and I used to refer to “two-ticket movies,” meaning a film that would require a ticket for both you and the guy holding the gun to your head. To see how many tickets you’d need for this steaming pile of cinema, think of how many people you love. Add one. That’s the magic number.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

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Matt Damon stars in “Green Zone” as U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller, who is tasked with finding weapons of mass destruction in the early years of the Iraq war.

# The Bunk Bang Theory

In ‘Green Zone,’ an officer explores the mysterious lack of WMDs in Iraq

**Film Review**

Paul Greengrass’ “Green Zone,” a wartime thriller set in the early days of the Iraq conflict, was inspired by the brilliant book “Imperial Life in the Emerald City” by The Washington Post’s Rajiv Chandrasekaran, but it depends on the book more for atmospherics than story. To properly capture the detailed reportage and dark comedy Chandrasekaran brought to bear on the Bush administration’s attempts to let 1,000 Young Republicans bloom in the Middle Eastern desert, one would need the satiric genius of Stanley Kubrick. And he’s not available.

Instead we have Greengrass, who with his “Bourne” movie star Matt Damon has crafted a jangly, noisy, compulsively restless thrill-

**‘Green Zone’**

- ▶ **Director:** Paul Greengrass
- ▶ **Stars:** Matt Damon
- ▶ **In a Nutshell:** An officer sent to look for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq begins to question the intelligence he was given to work with when he doesn’t find anything.
- ▶ **For Fans of:** “The Hurt Locker,” “Syriana,” “Jarhead”

er on par with the “Bourne” movies, shot through with political critique. Damon plays U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller, who after the U.S. invasion in 2003 has been tasked with finding the weapons of mass destruction on which the war was predicated. After being sent to three locations and coming up short, Miller begins to doubt the intelligence on which the missions were based.

It’s not necessary to be conversant with New York Times reporter Judith Miller, the Pentagon’s Office

**Actors**

**The Real Thing**

Many of Damon’s fellow soldiers were played by actual troops, not actors. In an interview with the Latino Review, Damon showed his enthusiasm for working with them, saying “It was great. ... You’re just so kind of taken over by the situation and surrounded by these guys who really just know what they’re doing. So, it makes it feel really authentic.” (EXPRESS)

of Special Plans, discredited WMD source “Curveball” or wily Iraqi politician Ahmed Chalabi to enjoy “Green Zone,” but it helps.

Although Damon has done some outstanding character work recently in such films as “The Informant!” and “Invictus,” in “Green Zone” he gruffly claims his due as macho leading man, barking out orders to his adoring men and

fixing interlocutors with a piercing gaze before deciding whether to trust them.

Although Greengrass is best known for the “Bourne” franchise, he’s also made such stunning films as “Bloody Sunday” and “United 93,” and in its blend of action and polemic, “Green Zone” proves to be a striking apotheosis to the themes and aesthetics that have characterized the filmmaker’s career. But it also shows up his limitations: The jittery, scattershot camerawork of Greengrass’ longtime cinematographer, Barry Ackroyd, was used far more coherently in Kathryn Bigelow’s Oscar-winning film “The Hurt Locker.”

Still, there’s no denying “Green Zone’s” propulsive energy and the tantalizing idea of Damon making everything all right as a brave, morally infallible soldier. The irony, of course, is that this time his “Bourne” persona doesn’t suffer from amnesia. Instead, he’s trying to save us from our own. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Web of Secrets and Lies

Excessive drama and an over-the-top twist make 'Remember Me' a chore to watch

## Film Review

In attitude, if not aptitude, Robert Pattinson in "Remember Me" comes across like a latter-day James Dean. Playing Tyler Hawkins — a bohemian child of privilege consumed by Oedipal rage — the "Twilight" hunk fills up the screen with cigarette smoke, stubble and hooded green eyes, but little else.

Ostensibly, the movie is the story of an angry young man (Pattinson) and his emotionally bullying father (Pierce Brosnan). The plot is set in motion when our hero, who hates all forms of oppression, is arrested after trying to stop a street fight, then mouthing off to the investigating cop (Chris Cooper).

Enter the cop's beautiful daughter, Ally (Emilie de Ravin).

Egged on by his wisecracking



Tyler (Pattinson) and Ally (de Ravin) are more intense than your average couple.

college roommate (Tate Ellington), Tyler starts dating Ally as a way to get back at her father but ends up falling in love with Ally without meaning to. And, of course, Ally finds out that Tyler was using her

and breaks up with him. (Tyler and Ally, by the way, have dark secrets. We learn about hers — as a little girl, she watched her mom get shot — in the movie's opening sequence. Tyler's mysterious back-

**There is something else hidden in this overripe tale. Some won't even notice it at first.**

story — told in letters addressed to an unidentified "Michael" — takes a little longer to come out.)

But there's something else hidden inside this overripe tale. Some won't even notice it at first.

For others, the movie contains a plot twist so stunning, yet so stunningly obvious, that it functions like a kind of ticking time bomb in the corner of the screen. After the first hint of what's coming — which crops up less than 10 minutes into the movie and then doesn't let up — the foreshadowing becomes so distracting that, by the time the darn thing goes off, there's only a sense of relief. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

**ART WHINO's** massive "G40: The Summit" exhibition — five themed floors of a Crystal City office building dedicated to art from D.C., New York, California and beyond — is worth a visit itself, but if you need an extra reason to go, try this: an all-ages concert by local reggae-house band Nappy Riddem featuring members of Eighteenth Street Lounge projects. You'll hear them turn roots reggae into remix-friendly electronic music for the dance floor while Mustafa Akbar's vocals soar over

the grooves. After the band performs, founder Rex Riddem hits the DJ booth to spin funky cross-cultural mashups. (Listen here for some sample hour-long DJ sets.) The music starts at 7 p.m. There's no cover, which leaves more in your pockets for the cash bar.

### SATURDAY

Every year, the ShamrockFest concert adds more bands and more attractions at **RFK**. This year it's up to 40 bands, including Celtic rockers Black 47, Enter the Haggis, Scythian, Donegal X-Press and headliners the Roots. Is there a more unlikely headliner for a St. Patrick's Day festival than the Roots? Probably not. But aside from the Irish pub area, the bagpipers and the Irish dancers, this is more a giant outdoor party with Dewey-style cover bands than a celebration of Gaelicness. (Just ask the



Check out ?uestlove and the rest of the Roots at Shamrock Fest this Saturday.

folks queuing up at the beer trucks or carnival rides.) If you want to escape the crowds, look into the VIP tickets, which allow access to special areas, unlimited beer, private concerts and those all-important VIP bathrooms.

### SUNDAY

The Very Best is an international collaboration between Malawian singer Esau Mwamwaya and a British DJ duo with a name that we don't think we'll print. At a November show at DC9, only one of the DJs was there, so instead we got two bare-midriffed dancers on the stage. The music was all pre-programmed, but that didn't stop the dancing: DC9 turned into a bit of a sweat lodge. It's no surprise that the band is now headlining at **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL**, and tickets might very well sell out, so act soon if you're interested. The band will have to match the energy of opening acts Ninjasnik, a wildly hyperactive trio that blends hip-hop, dance and punk.

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**Now Playing**

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND** (PG, 109 minutes) Tim Burton has wisely avoided producing a mere pop-up illustration of Lewis Carroll's books, instead finding

inspiration in Alice (Mia Wasikowska), the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and other familiar characters and putting them into a brand-new story. His most nervy decision — making Alice a 19-year-old young woman on the verge of a tiresome marriage — also proves to be his best. Burton's signature gnarled, gothic aesthetic runs throughout, and it's worth

the price of admission if only to hear Depp give sonorous voice to Carroll's slithy toves and borogoves, but it's the women who steal the show, from the somber, self-possessed Wasikowska to Bonham Carter's scenery-chewing tantrums, to Anne Hathaway's very funny turn as the White Queen. Most important, Burton honors the more tender subtexts of the Alice stories, having to do with

isolation and loss. **(AH)**  
**AVATAR** (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, the narrative fulcrum is a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight

that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. **(AH)**  
**THE BLIND SIDE** (PG-13, 126 minutes) Based on the true story of Michael Oher and Leigh Anne Tuohy, "The Blind Side" has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment that saves it from being either too maudlin or saccharine-sweet. Especially in the film's soaring, triumphant final moments, viewers get the sense that this isn't a story about race or redemption or the complexities of class and culture. It's a story about family. **(AH)**  
**BROOKLYN'S FINEST** (R, 133 minutes) If director Antoine Fuqua's objective was lowering Brooklyn property values, he may have succeeded. He won't be winning any awards from real estate agents. Or Police Benevolent associations, either. But it's the nonprofessionals he'll really be putting off, namely the people buying tickets to what is not just a relentlessly violent but relentlessly grim drama about three police officers at the end of their ropes. One is an alcoholic, suicidal patrolman on the eve of retirement (Richard Gere); one a drug-enforcement officer with family problems (Ethan Hawke); and one an undercover narcotics detective (Don Cheadle), who's torn between duty and the drug kingpin who saved his life in prison (Wesley Snipes). They're all at the breaking point. By the end of the movie you may be, too, without ever having had the least bit of doubt about where this story was going. **JOHN ANDERSON**  
**COP OUT** (R, 107 minutes) Director Kevin Smith has said that one of the things that appealed to him about making this action comedy starring Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan is that it's the kind of movie the filmmaker's late father would have liked. It's a shame the old man isn't around to enjoy it. Much of the movie feels about 25 years too late. The very concept — an odd-couple police partnership made up of one level-headed guy (Willis) and one nut job (Morgan) — was starting to show signs of wear well before "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998); Smith does little to dust off the antique, other than his casting of Morgan — an unpredictable wild man who does most of the comedic heavy lifting and by the end of the film looks like he's lost 10 pounds through improv sweat alone. **(MO)**  
**THE CRAZIES** (R, 101 minutes) Direc-

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DISNEY ENTERPRISES

Anne Hathaway delights as the almost comically good, chaste White Queen in Tim Burton's revisionist "Alice in Wonderland."

tor Breck Eisner's remake of George A. Romero's 1973 classic nods to contemporary anti-government sentiment, but its military villains are as faceless as the virus that turns the residents of Ogden Marsh into blood-spattered psychopaths—and substantially less scary. Timothy Olyphant plays Sheriff David Dutton, the first to connect a series of shocking local deaths with a downed military plane in the nearby swamp. **DAN KOIS**

**CRAZY HEART** (R, 111 minutes) You don't have to be a fan of Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm and sundry other Texans and twangers to love this film. But it sure can't hurt. All those musicians are invoked by Jeff Bridges in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which he virtually channels country music's most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a grizzled singer-songwriter now performing on the Southwestern bowling alley circuit. **(AH)**

**DEAR JOHN** (PG-13, 108 minutes) It's not as if there's anything wrong with the stars of this story of young love and heartbreak centering on the long-distance romance and postal correspondence between a young soldier stationed in the Middle East and the collegiate dream girl he's known for all of two weeks. As John and Savannah, Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried, respectively, make their whirlwind courtship about as believable as any spring fling could be. Then Nicholas Sparks went and ruined things. No, I'm

not upset by what eventually happens. Rather, it's the excuse he came up with for Savannah's actions. I don't know how else to say this, but it feels like a lie. **(MO)**

**THE GHOST WRITER** (PG-13, 130 minutes) The Ghost, as Ewan McGregor's steadfastly anonymous protagonist is called, is a young author assigned to pen the memoirs of a retired British prime minister after the first author's mysterious death. The day the Ghost seals the deal, he's whisked to an island off Massachusetts, where former prime minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) lives in an elegantly appointed concrete bunker with his wife (Olivia Williams) and a staff of comely assistants. As the Ghost sets to work on the project, he realizes that Lang's distant reticence, a tight deadline and curiously tight security around the project will be the least of his problems. Roman Polanski smoothly threads viewers through a story that comes alive with flawless detail, convincing performances and an uncanny prescience. **(AH)**

**SHUTTER ISLAND** (R, 138 minutes) This gothic thriller begins in 1954, when two U.S. marshals, Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo), arrive at the eponymous island just off Massachusetts, where looms the impenetrable Ashecliffe Hospital for the criminally insane. The marshals have been detailed to find a prisoner who has suddenly vanished from her locked cell. As a hurricane bears down on the island, Teddy and Chuck match wits with the

hospital's chief physician, the brilliant Dr. Cawley, played with poker-faced elan by Ben Kingsley. Martin Scorsese creates a pastiche of moody atmosphere, stylized flashbacks and dream sequences, and a devotion to flagrant violence that finally turns rancid and repulsive. And Scorsese's fascination with images of dead children isn't sinister or scary or even creepy. It's just weird. **(AH)**

**VALENTINE'S DAY** (PG-13, 124 minutes) For almost all of its 124 minutes, "Valentine's Day" delivers exactly what anyone with remedial knowledge of the romantic comedy genre would expect. It does surprise once or twice as it unspools its multiple, vaguely connected, L.A. lovey-dovey stories. The rest of the film, however, just runs around the same old romantic-comedy bases. **JEN CHANEY WOLFMAN** (R, 125 minutes) The arms and legs begin to stretch. The teeth grow jagged, the head and body sprout coarse hair and the eyes gleam with a ferocious killer's stare. Benicio Del Toro's creepy transformation from man to beast is the highlight of an otherwise uninspired remake of the 1941 horror classic starring Lon Chaney Jr. as the poor sucker who becomes a werewolf after being bitten by one. Del Toro had better hope that viewers forget his cheesy performance here as soon as possible. **BLOOMBERG NEWS**

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**1 Just Be Cool, Baby, Be Cool**  
Director Scott Saunders delivers the ultimate burn to Quentin Tarantino and Eli Roth by making a parody of '70s blaxploitation films that's actually entertaining. "Black Dynamite" plays at the AFI this weekend and tells the story of a CIA agent in a pantsuit who saves the world from her-oin while meeting hot girls with Afros and platform shoes. **F.Z. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri., 11 p.m., Sat., midnight; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)**

**2 Mountains High Enough**  
We could rhapsodize about Balkan Beatbox's innovative blend of Balkan music and hip-hop, how it represents a truly global world music that doesn't make us want to die. But you probably heard that the last time they came to town, so we'll just say this: You can never, never have enough klezmer music in your life. **F.Z. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

**3 One for the Anglophiles**  
If you have a friend who drags you to every obnoxious romantic comedy that has anything to do with the British Empire, throw her a copy of "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand," a charming roman-tic novel set in the U.K. It's funny, sweet, smart and not irritating at all. Author Helen Simonson speaks at Politics and Prose Saturday night. **F.Z. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 6 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)**



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**Washington DC**

**Landmark Theatres**

Landmark's E-Street Cinema

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THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) 12:00 Midnight  
THE EVIL DEAD (NC-17) 12:00 Midnight  
CRAZY HEART (R) (1:15, 4:15)7:15, 9:40  
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (1:00)  
NORTH FACE (NR) (4:00)7:00, 9:35  
PRODIGAL SONS (NR) (1:30, 3:30, 5:30)7:30, 10:00  
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (12:45, 3:45)6:45, 9:45  
A PROPHECY (R) (1:30, 4:45)8:00, 11:15  
THE HURT LOCKER (R) (12:30, 3:30)6:30, 9:30  
THE OSCAR NOMINATED SHORT FILMS 2010: ANIMATED (NR) (1:00, 5:30)9:55  
THE OSCAR NOMINATED SHORT FILMS 2010: LIVE ACTION (NR) (3:15)7:45  
THE YELLOW HANDKERCHIEF (PG-13) (1:20, 4:20)7:20, 9:50

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THE YELLOW HANDKERCHIEF (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00  
AJAMI (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

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GREEN ZONE (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:25, 10:15

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40  
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) (1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15  
1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
COP OUT (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00  
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 10:50, 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25, 12:05  
GREEN ZONE (R) 10:30, 1:30, 1:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50, 12:30  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) 10:00, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55, 12:15  
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IN DIGITAL 3-D  
THE CRAZIES (R) 9:55, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:15  
COP OUT (R) 10:05, 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 9:50, 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20  
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VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 10:45, 4:40, 10:40  
AVATAR (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 6:50, 10:25  
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CRAZY HEART (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05  
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 1:40, 7:35

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THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) (11:40, 2:10)4:50, 7:20, 10:00, 12:25  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) (12:45)4:00, 7:10, 10:10, 12:40  
GREEN ZONE (R) (11:45, 12:30, 2:30)3:45, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40, 12:30  
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COP OUT (R) 3:10, 9:20  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (12:50)  
3:55, 7:15, 10:20  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 12:20  
AVATAR (PG-13) (11:35, 3:00)6:30, 9:55

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THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 7:00 P.M.

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)  
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
GREEN ZONE (R) (11:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20)7:10, 8:10, 10:25, 11:10  
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SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (11:55, 3:20)6:30, 9:45  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 11:40  
AVATAR (PG-13) (11:50, 3:50)7:00, 10:40

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THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) (10:40, 11:30, 1:20, 2:10) 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30  
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THE CRAZIES (R) (11:50, 2:30)5:20, 8:10, 10:50  
COP OUT (R) (12:45)3:30, 6:20, 9:10  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (12:10)3:20, 6:40, 10:00  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) (12:20)6:10  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 3:10, 9:00  
AVATAR (PG-13) (12:40)4:20, 7:50

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)  
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) (12:10, 2:40, 5:10)7:40, 10:15  
GREEN ZONE (R) (12:00, 12:30, 2:40, 3:45, 5:15)7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20  
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COP OUT (R) 7:35, 10:30  
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (12:40, 3:45)6:50, 9:55  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (1:35, 4:40)7:55  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) (2:00, 4:55)  
CRAZY HEART (R) (2:05, 4:50)7:30, 10:25

**AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza**

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40  
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
DEAR JOHN (PG-13) 3:00, 8:10  
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 12:20, 5:30, 10:35  
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30  
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 12:05, 3:00, 7:00, 10:20  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 10:05, 11:20, 1:05, 2:20, 4:05, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 10:05, 10:55  
GREEN ZONE (R) 11:00, 12:30, 2:10, 3:30, 5:10, 6:45, 8:15, 10:15, 11:15  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 10:35, 1:35, 4:35, 7:20, 10:20  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) 10:25, 11:15, 1:15, 1:55, 3:50, 4:30, 6:20, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40, 11:45, 12:15  
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, 11:30  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
THE CRAZIES (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:40, 8:20, 11:05  
COP OUT (R) 10:15, 11:10, 1:10, 2:05, 4:10, 5:00, 7:15, 8:10, 10:10, 11:10  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 12:40, 4:15, 7:30, 11:00  
THE WOLFMAN (R) 9:25, 12:10  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) 11:40, 2:40, 5:50, 9:10  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 12:20, 3:20, 6:25  
DEAR JOHN (PG-13) 12:10, 3:10  
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 6:10, 9:30  
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 10:10, 2:15, 6:00, 9:55  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
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CRAZY HEART (R) 11:05, 2:25, 5:25, 8:25, 11:25

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THE HURT LOCKER (R) 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40  
UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:25, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10  
THE WHITE STRIPES: UNDER GREAT WHITE NORTHERN LIGHTS (NR) 9:45 P.M.  
BLACK DYNAMITE (R) 11:00 P.M.  
SEX, OKRA AND SALTED BUTTER (NR) 7:00 P.M.  
GLOXIOUS EXIT (NR) 9:00 P.M.

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THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (1:00, 4:00, 5:15)7:00, 8:30, 9:50  
A PROPHECY (R) (3:00)6:15, 9:30  
THE HURT LOCKER (R) (12:30, 3:30)6:30, 9:25  
CRAZY HEART (R) (1:35, 4:05)6:45, 9:20  
THE LAST STATION (R) (1:30, 4:15)7:15, 9:40  
UP IN THE AIR (R) (2:10, 4:40)7:20, 9:45  
A SINGLE MAN (R) (4:20)9:30  
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:40)7:05  
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (2:00)

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15  
GREEN ZONE (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) 12:45, 4:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00  
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BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25  
COP OUT (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

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GREEN ZONE (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 10:00, 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15  
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CRAZY HEART (R) 10:40, 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30

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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05  
GREEN ZONE (R) 10:20, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55, 12:40  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:50  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) 10:00, 11:10, 12:15, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15, 11:55, 12:30  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 10:05, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00, 11:45  
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, 12:35  
IN DIGITAL 3-D  
THE CRAZIES (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30  
COP OUT (R) 10:50, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50, 12:25  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 12:55, 4:05, 7:20, 10:35

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)  
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) (1:00, 3:15, 5:30)7:50, 10:05  
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) (2:40, 5:10)7:40, 10:25  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) (2:10, 4:50)7:30, 10:15  
GREEN ZONE (R) (2:00, 4:40)7:20, 10:00  
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) (1:40, 4:20)7:00, 9:40  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (1:10, 4:10)7:10, 10:10  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) (3:50)  
AVATAR (PG-13) (3:00)6:30, 9:50  
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) (1:00)6:40, 9:30

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)  
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
GREEN ZONE (R) (11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 5:00)6:05, 7:40, 8:40, 10:30, 11:25  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) (12:05, 1:00, 2:30, 3:35, 4:45, 5:50) 7:15, 8:20, 9:30, 10:45, 11:50  
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) (11:15, 11:50, 1:35, 2:35, 4:00, 5:15) 6:20, 7:55, 8:50, 10:20, 11:15, 12:35  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) (12:15, 3:00, 5:40)8:15, 10:55  
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THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (1:20, 4:05)7:10, 10:05  
AVATAR (PG-13) (11:45, 3:05)6:35, 10:15  
THE CRAZIES (R) (11:25, 2:05, 4:30)6:50, 9:20, 12:00  
COP OUT (R) (11:10, 1:50, 4:50)7:20, 9:55, 12:25  
CRAZY HEART (R) (11:20, 2:10, 4:40)7:25, 10:00  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (11:05, 2:00, 5:05)8:05, 11:00  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) (11:35, 2:25, 5:10)7:50  
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 10:25 P.M.

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THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13)  
GREEN ZONE (R) (1:15, 4:00)7:00, 9:45  
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13) (1:10, 2:00, 3:40, 4:35)6:55, 7:35, 9:25, 10:20  
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THE CRAZIES (R) (1:35, 4:05)7:05, 9:50  
COP OUT (R) (1:05, 3:45)6:45, 9:35  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (1:25, 4:25)7:25, 10:25  
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) (1:55, 4:40)7:45, 10:30



## TV weekend **lookout**

# A Master of Deception

A con man lives as a Rockefeller in a Lifetime original

### Movie

**SAT 9:00** (LIFE) Is romance a con game? The Lifetime movie "Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" invites the question.

Eric McCormack ("Will & Grace") has a great time starring in this ripped-from-the-headlines story. He's Clark, or at least he says he is, the eccentric scion of a billionaire's family who wins and woos ambitious Sandra (Sherry Stringfield), a Harvard MBA student, swept off her feet by his art collection, his townhouse and his mastery of six languages.

Any woman seduced in Klinton should be dazzled easily, but Sandra pushes the envelope in the love-is-blind department. Over the course of many flashbacks, we learn that Clark could never produce a family member to back up his story



Clark Rockefeller, right, is so charming that no one questions his lack of identification.

and had no Social Security number or other means of identification. Sandra's clueless nature will leave the police (and some viewers) a tad unconvinced.

As the scenes flash back further, we discover "Clark's" dark background, and McCormack does a great job of morphing

from a chipper fake preppy to a Eurotrash poseur from the disco era. Even if you already know all about the Clark Rockefeller story from extensive news coverage, "Clark" is worth watching for the costume changes alone. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

### Best Bets

**FRI 8:00**

#### Who Do You Think You Are? (NBC)

Intrigued by a rumor that his paternal grandmother had white ancestry, football legend Emmitt Smith, right, explores his family roots, traveling from rural Alabama into colonial Virginia and beyond.



**SUN 7:00**

**Minute to Win It (NBC)** Guy Fieri hosts this new game show, which leads competitors through a series of simple yet nerve-racking games that can reward them with \$1 million. They face 10 challenges using everyday household items.

**SUN 8:00**

**The Pacific (HBO)** Based on the real-life journeys of three WWII Marines, this 10-part miniseries follows them from their first battle with the Japanese on Guadalcanal to their return home.

**SUN 9:30**



**Sons of Tucson (FOX)** A new live-action show joins Fox's otherwise all-animation block. Tyler Labine, left, a poor man's Jack Black, all but stole the departed CW comedy "Reaper." Here he plays Ron Snuffkin, a slacker who lives in his car and works at a sporting goods store. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

### Reality



#### 'Psuedo' Is Key

Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" series returns for a third season (9 p.m., NBC, Sun.) with the usual blend of celebs and pseudoc celebs, including rocker and reality star Bret Michaels, retired baseball star Darryl Strawberry, former WWE wrestler Bill Goldberg and ex-Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, above. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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— [DC.METBLOGS.COM](http://DC.METBLOGS.COM) IS EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT THE FORMER TALK SHOW HOST'S COMEDY TOUR, WHICH IS COMING TO D.C. ON JUNE 8.



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## Horoscope

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) It's likely to be more difficult than you expect to face what comes, even though much of it will be routine. Your eyes are opened.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) There are ways to get around the things that you don't want to see, hear or experience — and you can still move forward.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Timing is the key to a productive day, and you want to be receptive to the signals that are coming your way regarding the question when.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Others will come to you with all kinds of solicitations — many of which you may not recognize immediately. Stand your ground.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Someone is making more demands at this time than usual; some you can meet, some you cannot. Some you'll want to avoid.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid denials of any kind — yours or anyone else's. It's the perfect time to face the truth in all its guises.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to see things in a way that defies understanding by others. A little bit of heaven can be yours during the evening hours.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can give others credit when they deserve it, but you're not willing to give yourself the credit you deserve. What's up with that?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may feel as though the odds are against you, but with a strong start, you can get past almost any obstacle that comes your way.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may not be getting the assistance you really need — and you can take steps to improve the situation for all concerned.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Just when you begin to feel as though there's always something in your way, doors begin to open and you'll recognize a few opportunities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A day-dream provides you with a glimpse of what you really want — and how you can acquire it before it's too late. Follow that dream.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 205-215, BEST SCORE 266

A <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>

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RACK 1

E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>

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RACK 2

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>

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RACK 3

I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>

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RACK 4

Double Word Score

2nd Letter Triple

### Yesterday's Solution

P <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>		RACK 1 =	10
P <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	RACK 2 =	62
P <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	RACK 3 =	86
T <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	RACK 4 =	59
PAR SCORE 140-150								TOTAL 217

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

## Sudoku

DIFFICULT

6								
			1	4		7		6
			6		8	3		9
1					7		2	
		9				6		
	4		2					5
7		1	8		4			
9		4		6	1			
								8

### Yesterday's Solution

5	8	4	9	3	7	2	1	6
7	2	9	6	1	5	8	3	4
6	1	3	8	4	2	7	5	9
8	3	7	1	2	4	9	6	5
4	6	2	3	5	9	1	7	8
1	9	5	7	6	8	4	2	3
2	4	6	5	9	1	3	8	7
3	7	1	4	8	6	5	9	2
9	5	8	2	7	3	6	4	1

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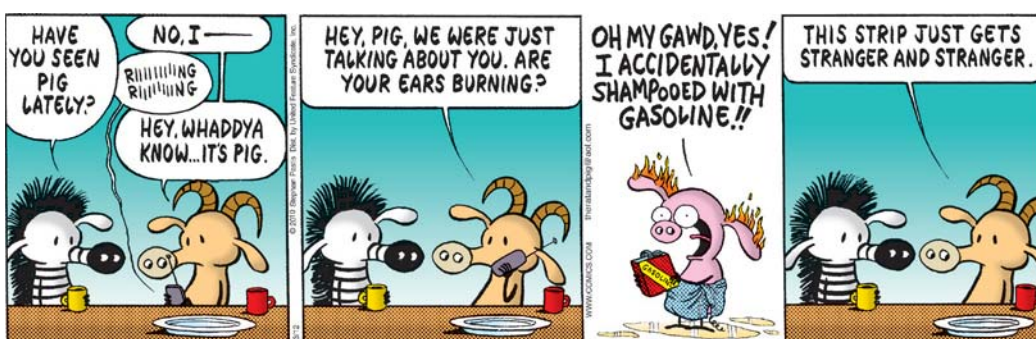
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## Forecast

**55** | **52**

**Today:** Rain today. Breezy and mild tonight with periods of rain.

**56** | **51**

**Tomorrow:** Breezy tomorrow with rain. A couple of showers tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead



**SUN** **MON** **TUE**  
**58** | **44** **57** | **42** **59** | **41**

**Sun and Moon**  
Sunrise today: 6:25 a.m.  
Sunset today: 6:12 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 4:40 a.m.  
Moonset today: 3:27 p.m.

**Almanac**  
Normal high: 54  
Record high: 78  
Normal low: 36  
Record low: 15

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## Crossword

## PLACES, PEOPLE!

## ACROSS

1 Big blowout  
5 Not firm, as recently poured concrete  
10 Office communication  
14 Toast-topping option  
15 Take game illegally  
16 Awestruck  
17 A drawbridge may span one  
18 Bantu language group  
19 You can make one for yourself  
20 What our secret should be  
23 Make modifications to  
24 Road Runner's scenery  
25 At no cost  
28 Ballpark beverage  
30 Shade of green  
31 Ruth wrecker of Ruth's homerun record

33 \_\_\_\_-o'-shanter  
36 Where a fox hunt  
may go  
40 TV attorney  
Matlock  
41 Kind of legend or  
renewal  
42 Bemoans  
43 Iowa State's home  
44 Courtroom  
rendering  
46 Mexican muralist  
Rivera  
49 Port city of  
ancient Rome  
51 In custody  
57 Cut at the mill  
58 Prefix with  
"national" or  
"personal"  
59 "Chariots of \_\_\_\_"  
60 Make leg  
warmers  
61 Take the wheel  
62 Longest bone  
above the waist  
63 Cap. Hill 100  
64 Tot's training site  
65 Balance sheet  
deduction

**DOWN**

- 1 Broadway turkey
- 2 African succulent
- 3 Board membership
- 4 Big trouble
- 5 Angers
- 6 "If a tree falls in the forest and \_\_\_\_ ..."
- 7 Woman-chaser
- 8 Reverberation
- 9 Scriptural pronoun
- 10 Way of doing things
- 11 "Goodness gracious!"
- 12 "Throw \_\_\_\_ From the Train" (1987 film)
- 13 Double-S curves
- 21 Football player Manning
- 22 Revise for the better
- 25 Large amount of whipped cream
- 26 Split asunder
- 27 Shout in church
- 28 All-\_\_\_\_ (Kellogg's cereal)
- 29 1,000,000,000 years
- 31 Mass robes

32 \_\_\_\_ carte  
33 Fully stretched  
34 Baldwin of "30  
Rock"  
35 Interlock, as  
gears  
37 It's good for a  
laugh  
38 Fury  
39 Dire  
43 FBI employees  
44 Like the Milky  
Way  
45 They're all in  
the family

46 Twilight times  
47 Absurd  
48 Reagan's  
attorney general  
Meese  
49 Band of eight  
50 Shooting at clay  
targets  
52 Speak like Daffy  
53 "I'm \_\_\_ your  
tricks!"  
54 2.2 pounds,  
approximately  
55 Diving eagles  
56 "For" votes

## Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
14	O	L	E	O		R	O	O		A	N	K	L	E					
16		O	D	I	N		U	N	T	O		S	K	I	L				
20	T	E	N	N	I	S	S	H	O	E	S		J	A	Y				
24	S	N	E	R	S					D	R	A	M	A					
26						S	O	I	L	S		O	R	A					
33	L	A	P				A	I	A	D	S		S	K	I	D			
35							A	G	A				S	T	E	R	N		
43	S	O	L	O			F	A	R	O	L	I	C			T	E	A	
47							S	O	S	Y	N		O						
51							S	A	N	T	E								
57	B	A	H										S	W	E	A	R	S	
60	O	S	I	E	R					P	I	O	N			E	R	G	C
66	S	E	R	V	E					E	R	N	E			T	E	S	A
69	S	A	T	E	D					N	E	A	R						

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1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17					18						19			
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			23						24					
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57					58						59			
60					61						62			
63					64						65			

## Samurai Sudoku

**DIFFICULT**

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

	1		7	8		2	4					5	4		8	3		9			
6				3			8					3			6						7
			1			7	9					1	7			5					
9		4		6	7										5	7		9			4
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3 7	5			8				4 1			
				9 4 5							
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9 6	7 8							8 2 3 7			
4 6 8								8 1 7			
2	5 9							9 4 3			
8	7 9 1 2							3 5 8 2 6			

### Last Week's Solution

2	5	3	6	8	9	7	4	1				1	5	3	4	2	6	7	8	9		
6	8	9	4	7	1	2	3	5				6	8	2	5	8	3	1	4			
4	7	1	2	3	5	8	6	9				9	8	4	3	7	1	5	2	6		
8	6	5	1	9	1	2	3	7	4			2	3	5	8	1	4	6	9	7		
9	1	4	3	6	7	5	8	2				7	4	1	6	9	3	2	5	8		
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8	4	3	1	9	7	2	6	5					7	9	1	8	5	4	2	6	3	
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## Today in History

**1933** President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivers the first of his 30 radio “fireside chats,” telling Americans what is being done to deal with the nation’s economic crisis.

**2005** Bode Miller becomes the first American in 22 years to win skiing's overall World Cup title, in Lenzerheide, Switzerland.

**2009** Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff pleads guilty in New York to pulling off perhaps the biggest swindle in Wall Street history.

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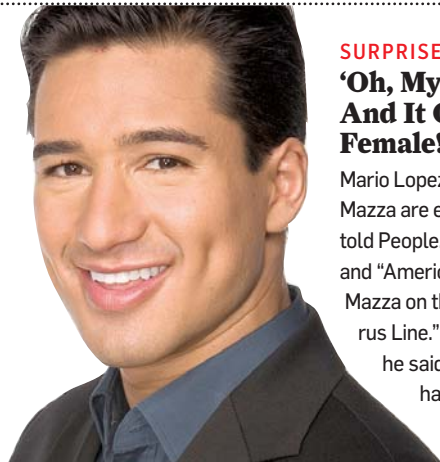


**WHINING****Come on, Guys, Help Your Favorite Felon!**

Chris Brown has issued a plea to fans: Get him radio airplay. "I need y'all's help," he said in an audio message posted on Saynow.com. "It's crazy because a lot of radio stations ... some radio stations aren't playing my records." His music "won't be possible if I'm not relevant on the radio. ... I can't be an underground mixtape artist." (EXPRESS)

**CAREERS****She Gets Points for Originality**

Husband Spencer Pratt is no longer Heidi Montag's manager, Montag told People.com. Her new manager is a psychic named Aiden Chase. "After the incredible experiences I have had healing my life and truly connecting to my dreams with healer intuitive Aiden Chase, I have officially asked him to become my manager," she said. "Having an intuitive psychic leading my team gives me an edge no one else has." (EXPRESS)

**SURPRISE!****'Oh, My God, It's Male! And It Could Have Been Female! And Vice Versa!'**

Mario Lopez and girlfriend Courtney Mazza are expecting a baby, Lopez told People.com. The host of "Extra" and "America's Best Dance Crew" met Mazza on the set of Broadway's "A Chorus Line." "I can't wait to be a dad," he said. "I don't know what we're having. I'm going to wait to see [the baby's gender] so it will be a surprise." (EXPRESS)



The complex design process: "Amy, if you like pink and black, blink once."

MATT DUNHAM/AP

**'DESIGN'****Amy Approves!**

Amy Winehouse is teaming up with British sportswear designer Fred Perry to create a 17-piece clothing and accessories line, People.com reported. "I'm really excited," Winehouse said Thursday. "We've been working on it for a while, and it's great to see it finally come to fruition." According to Women's Wear Daily, the items, priced between \$32 and \$150, will be mostly pink and black. Winehouse reportedly attended three design meetings. (EXPRESS)

**Dirtbag Digest****She Had a 'You Break It, You Buy It' Policy**

Former madam Heidi Fleiss has come to Charlie Sheen's defense. "All my girls loved Charlie, and I never heard any stories of him being violent—several of them wanted to marry him, actually," she told RadarOnline.com. "I'm sure Charlie will be OK," she added. (EXPRESS)

**"Having a different body was such a culture shock. I'm so used to being hot and fit. ... I did go through some depression."**



— KENDRA WILKINSON, ON THE TRAUMA OF BABY WEIGHT. "I LOVE MY LEGS, AND I LOVE MY BUTT, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE I HATE," SHE ADDED.



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